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SUBJ: QATARI FOREIGN MINISTER ABSENT FROM ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE

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- 1. AS REPORTED IN DOHA REFTEL, GOQ FOREIGN MINISTER SHAYKH SUHAYM BIN HAMAD AL THANI DID NOT RPT NOT ATTEND ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE. SINCE AMIR IS PRESENTLY ABROAD, IT IS STANDARD PRACTICE THAT SUHAYM REMAINS TO MIND THE STORE.
- 2. HOWEVER, AMIR ALSO MAKES PRACTICE OF KEEPING SUHAYM, WHO IS A POTENTIAL CONTENDER FOR POWER, ON A VERY SHORT LEASH, AND FOR THIS REASON GOQ IS OFTEN UNDER REPRESENTED AT IMPORTANT ARAB AND ISLAMIC CONCLAVES. AMIR HAS BEEN CRITICIZED FOR THIS AND SOME OF HIS SENIOR ADVISERS HAVE TOLD HIM THAT HIS RESTRAINT OF SUHAYM PREVENTS QATAR FROM PROJECTING EVEN ITS MODEST IMAGE CONFIDENTIAL

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ON REGIONAL AND ARAB STAGE. THERE

ARE SOME INDICATIONS THAT
AMIR IS RELENTING, SINCE HE RECENTLY PERMITTED SUHAYM TO VISIT
IRAQ TO PREPARE FOR HIS OWN TRIP THERE.
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